TOWN COUNCIL

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION OF THE NEW COUNCIL

tietting Ready for Road Work-Police Appointments Ordinances Introduced-Linden Avenue Improvement Discussed -Crosswalk Ordered on Willow Street.

The Town Council of the current year held its first regular meeting on Monday night with all the members present. The Council of this par bide fair to equal the reputation of last year's Coun-Councilman Farrard of the Road Com-mittee requested that the Clerk be authorized to oligit bids for a supply

crosswelk at down on Willow Breet across Notedn Place.

Councilinal Harrison of the Phase Committee submitted the report Town Treesurer Harry L. Deboue for the month of April. Mr. Harrison also th of April. Mr. Harison also recommended the issue of a two note for \$10,000 for general town proses.

Councilman Thompson of the Legal Committee introduced by title the salary ordinance, the appropriation ordinance, and the Charles Street widening ordinance.

Councilman Unanget of the House Committee named the Bloomfield CITIkink as the official paper of the Council. Councilman Farrand of the Police Committee recommended the appointment of Eben Griffith and John Blum as special policemen. These appointments, Mr. Farrand said, were made with the approval of the Chief of Police, and in the case of Blum, who is a Polander, his appointment was recommended by the Police Committee of the previous year. Mr. Farrand said that the Chief had asked for the appointment of spother regular policeman, and the Polter Committee had the matter under consideration, but would advise further with the other members of the Council before submitting a recommendation.

Clerk Johnson read a communication from the State Sewerage Commission requesting that the Council take action towards having correct measurements made of the flow of sewage from this town during the month of June into the Passaic River through the union outlet sewer. The Commission's object in securing this data is to determine the probable size and capacity of a newage disposal works for the treating of weage of the Passate Valley municipalities, The matter was referred to the Town Engineer and Sewer Inspector.

William Fornoff, who was elected a constable from the Second Ward at the epring election, and whose office was declared vacant because he fatted to qualify, petitioned the Council on Monday night to be appointed a constable. His petition was granted It is understood that Mr. Fornoff's failure to qualify was due to the fact that he was not aware of the requirements of the law.

The monthly report of Chief of Police Louis M. Collins showed seventeen arrests during the month of April and 349.30 collected in fines.

'C o nilman Conlan brought up the matter of the Linden Avenue improvement petl 'on. Mr. Conlan stated that since those who objected to the improvement had learned that it could be paid for in ten annual payments, the objections had been withdrawn.

Mr. Farrand said that he understood that Linden Avenue was about 1,700 feet in length, and this represented about 3,400 feet of frontage to be improved. The petition before the Council only represented about 1,300 feet of the frontage in the street, or less than half. Mr. Farrand favored taking steps towards ascertaining the opinion of the majority of the property-owners along the street before voting to carry out the Improvement.

Chairman Ward stated that the legal requirement authorizing the Council to go shead with the work was the petition of at least one-sixth of the propertyowners, but it was optional with the Council to grant or refuse the petitioners' request, even if all the propertyowners signed for it. Mr. Ward suggested that those property-owners who had objected in writing against the improvement now notify the Council by letter of the withdrawal of their objection. This was satisfactory to Mr. Conlan, and the matter was laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council.

Richard K. Schuyler, the originator and promoter of the petition, said that Mr. Farrand in his calculation of the amount of frontage on the street had failed to make allowance for cross streets, which represented several hundred feet that could not appear on the

Town Attorney Halfpenny announced that in accordance with an application made to the Circuit Court Judge Swayze

had appointed Lewis Cockefair, Seymour P. Gilbert and Charles E. Underwood Commissioners to assess the benefits and damages for the Believille Avenue storm-sewer construction.

Chief Higgins Re-elected.

The firemen's election took place Monday night at the Truck House and resulted in the re-election of Chief Engineer Bernard F. Higgins of Phonix Hose Company. The vote was as follows: Bernard F. Higgins of Phoenix Hose Company, 30; William R. Rasb of Active Hose Company, 23; William F. Weiker of Excelsior Hose Company, 10; William Murath of Active Hose Company, 6 votes.

Firemen who have been figuring out the result of the election say that Mr. Higgins got twelve votes from Phoenix of broken stone for road repairs, as the Boad Committee was anxious to start work at once on the roads.

Councilman Conian of the Crosswaik Committee was authorized to have a crosswaik aut down on Willow Street across Nation Place.

Countillary Harrison A. the property of the company five, and Active Hose pany three. Mr. Walker's ten votes all came from his own company. Mr. Murath, it is said, got four votes from Active Company and two from Excelsior Сошрапу.

It was anticipated that Essex Truck Company would go mainly to Chief Higgins when Charles H. Ashley withdrew from the contest, but it seems that such was not the case.

Active Hose Company deliberately threw away the chance to elect a Chief from that company. Mr. Reab made his remarkable fight without the aid or sympathy of his own company, and the strength he developed was the surprise of the contest.

After the polls closed and the result was made known, the scene of setivity was transerred to the American House. where the firemen extended congratulations to the Chief and were in turn thanked by him for the honor bestowed.

German Theological Seminary.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the German Theological Seminary in the First Presbyterian Church, Newark, on Monday, the annual report of the Seminary was read by the Rev. Dr Frazer. Interesting features of the report are as follows: The institution has five regular professors and the assistance of three pearby pastors in the work of instruction. There are twenty-six regular students, six of whom will graduate Wednesday, May 29. Three of the students have already been licensed, and have calls in hand. The total income for the year has been \$18,265.55; the total expense, \$8,717.29; the balance, of \$9,551.35 has been distributed thus: \$5,400 were added to the endowment; of the floating debt of \$7,501.12, which has rested for years on the Seminary, \$4,123.85 were paid, so that the floating debt has been reduced to \$3,377 27, but this amount is already secured by subscriptions running to April 1, 1902, which subscriptions Dr. Weber secured from English and German friends. To the library current fund the balance of \$27,50 was added.

The total endowment is now \$98,152,60. The total indebtedness \$3,377,27, against \$7,501.12 last year, a great advance. The new directors elected were: Mesers. Clarence W. Ailing, W. S. Hartsborne and Charles Theurer,

Home Rule, Independence!

People Becoming Aroused Over Annexation.

Must Fight Against 1t.

Is the Opinion of the Great Majority of Citizens-Local Patriotism, Pride and Dignity at Stall

Against Schools, in Rayor of Saloon

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Shall the time-honored name of Bloomfield be effaced from the map of Essex County? Are the people of this community ready to surrender the polittoal independence that attaches in a reater or less degree to each separate municipality in the county? Has the time arrived when the people of this town are willing to throw saids the valuable right of bome rule and become a nonenity in the mass that makes up a great city? These are serious questions that now confront the people of this town, and the indications are that they must shortly be answered by the people at the polls.

If local municipal affairs have r. sched such a stage that a majority of the people are ready to sacrifice all that pertains to municipal pride and dignity and go as supplicants to Newark for relief from governmental responsibility and cares, then matters here have reached a deplorable state indeed.

Without perusing the long list of secured in favor of appezation, it is imselbie to correctly estimate the extoot and obared listaction with home affairs that is enid to be at the bottom of the eleter for assession. But some plugge up at tant about the methods and p and wherein the majority of the sigandures were obtained, and the information is fair that a majority of the per have sojisterest of any kind in Bloom Gold. A short time ago there was to annexation scheme on foot that originated with some of the leading cititinens of this town. Bloomfield was confronted with some problems that led some people to believe sould only be settled by appexation. The tax rate was one; the water contract was another, and the newer outlet a third,

But even this movement was opposed by equally weighty and loyal Bloomfielders who were not at all alarmed over the problems, and the ability of Bloomfielders to settle them without the sacrifice of their municipal dignity and independence. Assurances were given by Councilmen and School Trustees that the tax rate would be reduced. Announcement was made from official sources that a very favorable water contract was belog nego tiated, and in so far as the sewer outlet was concerned there was no immediate prospect of action in that matter. Under euch circumstances the annexation plan then under way! lost vitality, and some of the prime movers dropped out. With respect to that scheme it should be said that the promoters of it had it in mind to enter into negotiations with leading offizens of Newark and secure from them certain assurances that would inpure to the benefit of Bloomfield in case of annexation. And even then the carrying out of the project depended upon its approvality the majority of the

This latest scheme for annextion is another kind of a chicken, hatched in another nest and with other objects than those that concern tax payers in view. Some of the most ardent advocates of the first plan will have nothing to do with this second one, and are much afraid of it, particularly the consequences that would follow its

There is unmistakable evidence that the large majority of the people of this town have not been slow to discover the danger that lurks in the annexation bill that is to be introduced in the-Legislature next Tuesday, Prompt action has been taken by the citizens of the town towards organizing an opposition against it, and from now on the people who are unwilling that the town of their birth should be obliterated from the map, and people who have noted the wretched condition of the present outskirts of Newark, and are convinced that neither the material or moral wel-

efitted by agricultion are working

The people are now aroused on the subject of annexation and many loyal Bloomfielders are coming to the front in defence of the town, and in favor of independence and home rule. The foilowing is a partial list of those opposed to annexation:

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M. Healy. Edward Young Ward G. Thoma

Joseph B. Maxfield, Charles A. Cook.

lowe Crowell B. Michaels

G. Smith.
C. Keddie L Allison. W. Allison

John G. Ferguson M. N. Higgins. L. O. Vreeland. Ephraim R. Moore. Harry S. Wright. lenry Schweer. Vilson S. Phrane J. G. Tice.
John R. Bayliss.
F. L. Snedeker.
Joseph M. Mann.
J. F. Vozelius.
Charles W. Martin.

eorge L. Curtis, Schoenthal, rederick Crane. amuel G. Hayter. Maurice C. Boyd. M. J. Boyd. P. D. Boyd. L. Laffin.

Robert D. Booth S. C. Hamilton

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Joseph Crogan. John Klimanski. Antonio Klimanski orman H. Folson mes A. Murphy. hraim R. Moore

E. E. Newman. George Van Winkje. Ernest Perold. James M. Cockefair. vm. Fredericks, ugust Fredericks heron W. Ackerm ohn Navozny

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Baxter, Powers!

The Combination that Wants to Hand Bloomfield Over to Newark.

Unconditional Surrender.

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Less Shools, Mon Barons the cool Old Town sufficemfield.

Richard K. Schuyer, Thomas B. Bax-ter and Cheries W. L. ween have served notice upon the people of mis town that they, the three persons above named. will apply to the Legislature on Tuesday, the 25th inst., for the passage of a bill that will terminate and destroy the corporate existence of the town of Bloomfield and annex the territory formerly known by that name to the city of Newark.

Mesers, Schuyler, Baxter and Powers may have private reasons and grievances that prompt them to the amazing task of wiping out a long-established municipality with an honored career, and reducing it to the undignified and insignificant position of a part of one of the wards of a near-by city.

People who have been seeking for a reason for this remarkable and andaclous act have invariably reached these conclusions: Bloomfield has been too liberal in the cause of public education, too strict in its saloon policy, and the people too independent in their political

The above is substantially the indistment upon which Messrs. Schuyler, Baxter and Powers will base their case against further local independence and home Pale.

This agitation in advocacy of the abandoament of independent government here is based on misrepresents tion. It is pleaded in favor of the step that Bloomfield is in's deplorable condition financially and politically. The townspeople, it is implied, have lost the faculty of self-government and propertyowners are threatened with conficeation of their property in taxes and other

public debts. In politice it is claimed that the people have simply lost their heads, and all pretence of obedience to party mandatee and party machinery are ignored and public offices are filled by independent action of the people in utter disregard of partisen claims and duty.

The implication that this town is hopelessly involved in debt and that the people have become incapacitated for self-government is a matter that had better be investigated before it is accepted.

Within the past ten years the town of Bloomfield has contracted very heavy Spanelal obligations for municipal improvements, sewer, roads and schools being the chief features.

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"Star Spangled by Bound the Flag."

Within that period the town has been equipped with a sewer system. Many miles of stone road has been built, and a number of fine school-houses erected. The people now possess and sajey thes improvements. But they must be para for, and annexation to Newark will not be a way of escape from the debt. Outside of the large indebtedness incurred for the extensive improvements in roads and schools and the construetion of a sewer system, the town of Bloomfield has been as economically and as well governed as any town of its size in the State. The average annual expense of local government exclusive of county and school taxes is \$75,000, The average annual expense account of a ward of the city of Newark is \$128,000. that is, exclusive of county and school ехрепеев,

Thus Bloomfield pays all its governmental expenses and enjoys home rule besides for \$50,000 less than the annual expense account of any single ward of the city of Newark, and it will be conceded that the town of Bloomfield has more extensive and better police service than any ward in the city has, sie tracks blockand also much better fire service, and day the general conditions here are much a double trace preferable to those extant in North track. Roseville, Woodside, or other outskirt Hecussion pro

of the city of Newark. The town of Bloomfield has rain they wanted by taxation for school purposes abouts \$35,000. The proportionate achosil took expense of a single ward of the Continued on page 6.

or by reason of any injury to perwons or property from the doing of any work herein or from the



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